

# LOD News Flash

## Highlights

**Road Clean-Up**  
**January 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00a**

**Agua Prieta Build**  
**January 26-27<sup>th</sup>**

## Upcoming Events & Activities

- Jan 16 YMCA – Chair Yoga  
9:00am Sanctuary
- Jan 17 Men’s Bible Study –  
6:30am – Rustic Cafe  
“They Were Christians”
- Jan 17 Adult Study – 9:00am  
Life of Jesus
- Jan 17 Silver Sneakers 10:00am
- Jan 18 YMCA – Chair Yoga  
9:00am Sanctuary
- Jan 18 PAL Meeting 6:30pm  
Rm 101
- Jan 19 Silver Sneakers 10:00am
- Jan 20 Road Clean-Up**
- Jan 21 Worship Service**  
**9:00am and 10:45am**
- Jan 22 Silver Sneakers 10:00am
- Jan 23 YMCA – Chair Yoga  
9:00am Sanctuary
- Jan 23 Covenant Bible Study  
6:45p
- Jan 24 Men’s Bible Study –  
6:30am – Rustic Cafe  
“They Were Christians”
- Jan 24 Adult Study – 9:00am  
Life of Jesus
- Jan 24 Silver Sneakers 10:00am
- Jan 25 YMCA – Chair Yoga  
9:00am Sanctuary
- Jan 25 PAL Meeting 6:30pm  
Rm 101
- Jan 26 Silver Sneakers 10:00am
- Jan 28 Worship Service**  
**9:00am and 10:45am**
- Jan 29 Silver Sneakers 10:00am
- Jan 30 YMCA – Chair Yoga  
9:00am Sanctuary
- Jan 31 Men’s Bible Study –  
Rustic Café - 6:30am  
“They Were Christians”
- Jan 31 Adult Study  
Life of Jesus 9:00am
- Jan 31 Silver Sneakers 10:00am

## LOD Connections

### Thank You!

A note from Pastors Paul and Michael: “We want to extend a great big “Thank you” for the gifts and the many wonderful notes expressed in our cards. It is a privilege and pleasure to serve in such a caring church family.

## Designated Change for Change in January

### Agua Prieta Family Mission

We will be building another home in Agua Prieta beginning this month. Our change for change offerings will be going toward the expenses for this build. Talk to anyone who has made the trip to work on these projects and they will tell you what a great experience it is to partner with this group to provide shelter for those who do not have it.

### Send off for the Baileys

You don’t want to miss this event ☺

We will be getting together to recall great memories together and share a bite to eat on

### Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup>

At noon on the patio

Please sign up at the LOD Connections Table if you can attend so that we can have a head count for planning.

### Giving Opportunity

#### Kasolo Project

We are very excited to be partnering with Hope 4 Kids International in the support of the village of Kasolo in Uganda. The plan is to provide a Pastor’s home by the church and a medical center. Our goal is to raise \$23,200.00 by ~~April 1<sup>st</sup>~~.

Objective #1 – Pastor’s Home = \$7,400.00

Objective #2 – Medical Center in Kasolo = \$15,800.00

**Praise God we are 100% funded...**

We will be giving you updates when they are available with the progress of our project in Kasolo. Start thinking now of what a great time this would be to visit Kasolo this year.

We have people planning on going in both July and November

*It is truly a blessing to bless others!*

### Watoto Children’s Choir

Be sure and mark your calendars

**Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30pm**

The Watoto Children’s Choir from Uganda will be performing here at Light of the Desert.

You don’t want to miss this!

# Global Connections

## Hope4Kids Mission Trips

There are many opportunities to take a short term mission trip this year with Hope4Kids.

I can tell you from personal experience – there is nothing quite like it.

Here are the planned trips for this year, for more information you can contact their office at (623) 979-5516 or email amy@h4ki.org.

### **Mission Trip Opportunities in 2018**

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Uganda      | July 3-16, July 16-29, November 6-19                    |
| Philippines | February 6-15, October 9-18                             |
| Romania     | May 8-17  |
| Cuba        | February 27-March 8, August 2-11, October 23-November 1 |
| Guatemala   | August 2-9  |
| Mexico      | March 23-25, May 4-6, July 27-29, September 21-23       |

If you have sponsored a child(ren) with Hope4Kids they will have scheduled time for you to get to meet them.

**This is an opportunity that will change your life!**

Apply at [h4ki.org/trips](http://h4ki.org/trips)

### **Hope4Kids/Kasolo Uganda**

1. **Pray** for the people in our village, for their health and safety and most of all that they might each grow to have a deep relationship with God.
2. **Pray** about going on a mission trip
3. **Donate** for the Village of Kasolo
4. **Put** together a Hygiene Kit
5. **Pray about sponsoring a child**
6. **Pray about sponsoring a women** - one year educational program– upon graduation she is prepared to better support herself and her family.

*We have still have children in our village signed up that need sponsors, if you might be interested let Patty know.*

Support for Hope4Kids can also be taken as Tax Credits. Check out [foothillsfoodbank.com](http://foothillsfoodbank.com)

## Pray for our Missionaries

### **VOM – Persecuted Church**

Continue to pray for those who are being persecuted for their faith in Jesus Christ

#### **Bangladesh - Scotts**

Praise and prayers for the leadership team at LAMB including Lai Keng in her role as finance director. Ask for wisdom, stamina, endurance, and everything needful to meet the challenges each day brings. Prayers for God's provision for the Scott's and for the endeavors of his team.

#### **Bosnia –**

##### **Pastor Karmelo Kresonja**

Please join with us in the following prayers:

God's will in finding the right space to buy for church space and provision.

God's wisdom in reaching this generation in Bosnia and Herzegovina as many young people are leaving the country.

Distribution of Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes and puppet shows.

Wisdom in working with a group of young people from a Charismatic Catholic group from a neighboring town coming to our Sunday services.

English classes and other regular activities of the church

#### **France - Goods**

Pray for their ministry in this University City that has a potential to reach over 60,000 students and their outreach to the neighborhoods.

#### **Lebanon – Liss'**

Prayers for safety as they continue to minister in this volatile area.

Praise for safe travel and for Kyrie's return to health.

#### **The Eikosts**

The three locations we focused on are in north-central Bosnia, near the Croatian border. There are no established churches or outreach ministries in these towns. We are asking the Lord to open doors for ministry and future church planting opportunities.

We were deeply impressed with the need for healing, cleansing and freedom from addiction.

Prayers for Danny and Erin Garrido a young couple in the U.S. preparing for overseas service.

Prayers for praise and continued direction in our ministries and God's provision financially and spiritually.

### **The Opaceks**

- Pray for our little flock in Vares (they are not regular, especially two, though they consider themselves a part of the church) for growth and spiritual understanding.
- Pray for open people and people who are already touched by the God who will receive Word and respond to it.
- Pray for people who are witnesses and we testified that they may be saved
- Pray for to go to prayer walks to other cities
- Pray for wise communication with people in villages and in Vares
- Pray for the future camp Emanuel

**Thank you for your prayers!**

### **Pastor Sasa**

We, as EC Sarajevo, are proud to have been able to promote education in our church the past decade through our scholarship program, maintained through the profits by our second hand shops. We are aware of the "brain drain" phenomena and that many young people are leaving the country to make a better life for themselves. We as the church have seen our scholarship program as a way to encourage youth to invest in their education, as we know that education is the only way that our country will prosper.

Unfortunately, the second hand shops are struggling financially and are not able to make the profits they once had. Therefore, we are exploring other ways to finance our scholarship fund. Join us in praying for God to meet our needs in this area.

## **Community Connections**

### **Volunteer for the Foothills Caring Corps**

Put your Faith in Action! Your talents can be put to good use as a

Drivers Needed! Do you want to make a difference in the life of a senior or adult with a disabling condition who is unable to drive? Would you like to volunteer on a van trip to the theater or shopping with a group of fun and lively adults? What about delivering a nutritious lunch time meal to a senior who needs help with preparing food? Or a scheduled trip to the doctor in your own car? You can make a difference - please join us! Visit our website for information on volunteering at: [www.foothillscaringcorps.com](http://www.foothillscaringcorps.com). Or call us at 480-488-1105.

### **Foothills Food Bank**

#### **January Wish List**

\*Pasta Sauce\*

JELLY, SOUPS – CREAM, CHUNKY, CHILI

Peanut Butter, Tuna, Juice, Sugar,

SIDES = Rice a Roni, Hamburger Helper, Potatoes – fresh or canned

Toiletries – Razors, Feminine Products, Standard Size Shampoo, Bars of soap

Diapers – size 4, 5, 6

*Donations can be taken directly to the food bank at 6038 E. Hidden Valley Dr. Cave Creek*

*Support for the Food Bank can also be given thru Arizona Tax Credits. Check out [foothillsfoodbank.com](http://foothillsfoodbank.com)*

### **Kiwanis Market Place**

The Marketplace is a great option for giveaways. You can drop off items Tuesday to Saturday, 9 to 4 or call them for pick-up, 480-488-8400

### **Celebrate Recovery**

Helps Adults with: Chemical Dependency, Alcohol, Gambling, Anger, Sex Addiction, Codependency and Eating disorders & Abuse.

Tuesday at 7:00p      Carefree Highway Community Church      5025 East Carefree Highway, Cave Creek AZ 85331

### **Desert Foothills Al-Anon**

For loved ones affected by another's drinking or substance abuse.      Tuesday at 7:00p

Christ the Lord Lutheran Church      9205 E Cave Creek Rd, Carefree

### **Faith Based Grief Support Group**

This faith based support group is open, co-ed, non-denominational. Facilitated by Dr. Pat Moseley Nichols, Psychologist

Thursday at 4:00p, no charge.      Desert Hills Presbyterian Church, in the Lounge of the Fellowship Center.

34605 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85262

### **P.A.L. – Parents of Addicted Loved Ones**

Support for parents of loved ones who struggle with addiction

Thursday at 6:30p      Light of the Desert Lutheran Church      33175 N Cave Creek Rd. Cave Creek AZ 85331